



MedBEEsinessHubs Project C_A.1.2_0035

OUTPUT 3.1

Existing situation analysis (study reports) on the economic potential of honeybee handcrafting

A3.1.3

Mapping the honeybee producers and policy frameworks at cross border level

B. Mapping of policies related to the beekeeping sector in Cyprus

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This short report was prepared for the second part of the A3.1.3 Deliverable as shown above. This report aims to list the existing legal framework of apiculture in Cyprus.

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Legislative Framework

European

Basis

- Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common market organisation (the CMO)
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1366 with regard to aid in the apiculture sector
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1368 with regard to aid in the apiculture sector (Beekeepers' Registry)
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/974 approving the national apiculture Programmes

Quality

- Council Directive 2001/110/EC of 20 December 2001 relating to honey (including amendments - 2014/63/EU)
- Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers

National

- Apiculture Law 1990 (N. 51/1990)
- Food Law (Monitor and Sale) 1996 (N. 54(I)/1996)

Amendments:

(N. 4(I)/2000), (N. 122(I)/2000), (N. 40(I)/2001), (N. 151(I)/2001), (N. 159(I)/2001), (N. 61(I)/2002), (N. 153(I)/2002), (N. 20(I)/2003), (N. 132(I)/2003), (N. 161(I)/2003), (N. 67(I)/2004), (N. 172(I)/2004), (N. 27(I)/2005), (N. 163(I)/2006), (N. 32(I)/2010), (N. 13(I)/2011), (N. 60(I)/2011), (N. 177(I)/2013), (N. 187(I)/2014)

Regulations:

K.Δ.Π.118/2004 pursuant to Article 29 of the Food Laws 2003

K.Δ.Π.394/2015 pursuant to Article 29 of the Food Laws 2014

- Recognition of Organizations of Producers of Agricultural Livestock Products Law (N. 164(I)/2002)
- Recognition of Organizations of Producers of Agricultural Products Law (N. 27(I)/2018)
- Cyprus Agricultural Payments Organisation Law (Law 214(I)/ 2020)

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Other Policies

Rural Development Program (RDP)

The Rural Development Program 2014-2020 is the main tool of agricultural policy for the development of the primary production sector and the Cypriot countryside, as it consists of a series of measures aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of agriculture, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and achieving balanced regional development, including the creation of new jobs.

Under the Rural Development Program 2014-2020, €243 million is expected to be channeled. The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development contributes 53% of the total public expenditure to the Program, while the remaining amount will be allocated by the Republic of Cyprus as a National Participation.

The Program is addressed to various categories of beneficiaries such as farmers, producer groups, companies, local authorities, partnerships, government departments and other bodies.

Due to the delay in the adoption of the Regulations of the new Common Agricultural Policy (negotiated in the EU institutions) it was decided to extend the implementation of the Rural Development Programs by two years. As a result, the European Commission granted an additional amount of € 64.2 million for the Cyprus Program to conduct a new round of announcements in the two years 2021-2022. In this context, an additional amount of around € 100 million is expected to be channeled as public expenditure.

National Apiary Programme (NAP)

The NAP is under the implementation responsibility of Cyprus Agricultural Payments Organisation and it is expected to make a pivotal contribution to the improvement of the conditions of production and marketing of beekeeping products.

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The activities of the NAP and the activities it will fund can be distinguished in the following measures:

A	Technical support to beekeepers and beekeepers' organizations
B	Retention of beehive invasions and diseases, especially varroa
C	Streamlining seasonal movement
D	Support activities for beekeeping product analysis laboratories in order to facilitate beekeepers in marketing and upgrading the value of their products
E	Cooperation with specialized bodies and experts for implementation of applied research programs in the beekeeping sector and beekeeping products
F	Improving the quality and promotion of product in the market

The **eligible actions** included in the forementioned categories and consequently in the NAP:

Action A1a:	Beekeepers Training Courses
Action A1b:	Equipment and Consumables related to Education
Action A1c:	Technical Support of the Program
Action A2:	Operation of a Beekeeping Centre
Action B1:	Good practices of using licensed treatments for varroa
Action B2:	Adjusting bases with sieve or pipes to combat varroa
Action C:	Replacement of old or damaged beehives
Action D1:	Analyses of Honey and Candle Samples
Action D2:	Analyses of Beekeeping Products
Action E:	Cooperation with experts for the implementation applied research programs
Action F:	Improving the Quality of Beehive Products

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Aim	Beneficiary	Amount	Total Budget
Measure A: Technical Support to Beekeepers and Beekeepers' Organizations			
Action A1a: Participation of Beekeepers in training courses and dissemination of knowledge			
Education - Training and Continuous updating of beekeepers regarding the application of good beekeeping practice, current beekeeping issues and encouraging the marketing of hive products. Every year up to two three-day trainings may be held depending on interest. Subsidised costs - Trainees' travel expenses, to and from the training centre.	Registered Beekeepers Must: • own at least 1 colony • at least 18 years old	€10/day (travel expenses)	€3.000/year
Action A1b: Equipment and supplies related to training			
Finance the trainings. Subsidised costs - Purchase of equipment for the courses, hospitality, rent for room, printing etc.	Department of Agriculture	€1.000/year	€1.000/year
Action A1c: Technical support of the program			
Provision of technical assistance (purchase of services) from educational / research organisations, private trainers / experts for the educational program. Subsidised costs - Training services / Trainer's fee	Department of Agriculture	€4.000/year	€4.000/year
Action A2: Operation of the Beekeeping Centre			
(1) Visits to apiaries Personal visits by expert/s to apiaries of registered beekeepers, in order to provide advice on technical issues e.g. beekeeping practices, pest and disease management, etc. It is desirable to aim for a high number of apiary visits per beekeeping year but this service should be provided to as many beekeepers as possible. Note: Visits to new or returning beekeepers who own colonies but they are not registered are also considered eligible (the competent authority should be informed in advance).	Associations of Beekeepers	€70/visit	€38.000
(2) Publication of printed material (informative or technical brochures, manuals, etc.) of beekeeping content, aimed at expanding the knowledge of beekeepers and/or the general public. All expenses related to the publication of the material		100%	

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as well as distribution costs (postage etc.) will be covered.			
<p>(3) <u>Promotion of announcements and papers</u> Publication of announcements / articles of beekeeping content in mass media, with the aim of expanding the knowledge of beekeepers or the general public. Subsidies will be given to any expenses related to the publication of announcements/letters in popular local magazines, daily press, radio and television.</p>		100%	
<p>(4) <u>Seminars and educational Programs</u> Conducting informative, educational seminars / lectures / trainings / workshops by experts. Subsidised costs - Room rental, equipment rental, trainers/experts fee and translation costs will be covered.</p>		100% (Trainer's fee max. €200/day/seminar)	
<p>(5) <u>Visits to local model apiaries and places of apiary interest</u> Subsidised costs - bus rental costs</p>		100%	
<p>(6) <u>Bring experts from abroad</u> Calling in an expert from abroad for the purpose of diagnosing and/or solving a problem or providing expertise in beekeeping matters. Subsidised costs - Expert's fee, expert's transport costs to Cyprus (economy class tickets), accommodation, food, transportation and other personal expenses, transportation costs to and from the airport.</p>		100%	
<p>(7) <u>Online service/presence (website)</u> Dissemination of information, distribution of forms and the ability to communicate with beekeepers and the general public through a website and e-mail provided by the Contracting Entity.</p>		€5.000/year	
<p>(8) <u>Telecommunication service</u> Telephone communication via SMS and fax</p>		€5.000/year	
<p>(9) <u>Visits to kindergartens, schools, local authorities</u> Presentation to educational institutions (kindergartens, schools, etc.) and local authorities on the importance and offer of the bee and/or promotion of beekeeping products.</p>		€150/visit	
<p>(10) <u>Provide assistance in filling out beekeeping forms</u></p>		€2.000	

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Subsidised to assist beekeepers in completing various forms of beekeeping content issued by government agencies.			
(11) Collection of samples Assisting government agencies in conducting studies of beekeeping interest by collecting samples		€50/sample	
(12) Removal of droppings (birds) Removal of birds' droppings found in residential or other areas following a citizen's request. The subsidy will amount to and removal of a bandage.		€50/visit Max. €1.000	
(13) Computer equipment and maintenance Purchase and maintenance of computer equipment to process the actions undertaken by the Beekeeping Centre. Expenses related to the purchase of telephone and fax devices, computers, software programs, copiers, etc.		100%	
(14) Consumables & Clothing / Footwear Purchase of consumables to carry out the actions undertaken by the Beekeeping Centre. Including office supplies, beekeeping clothing and footwear and consumables for sampling purposes.		100%	
(15) Promotion of beekeeping products Purchase of beekeeping products and their packaging costs for donations to schools, kindergartens, conferences, etc. will be covered.		100%	
(16) Purchase of beekeeping micro-equipment Expenses for the purchase of laboratory equipment to assist in the provision of advisory services to beekeepers. Purchase micro-equipment for taking samples.		100%	
Measure B: Retention of Beehive Invasions and Diseases, Especially Varroa			
Action B1: Good practices of using licensed treatments for varroa			
Part of the cost of purchasing licensed bee drugs to treat varroa mite is covered, based on the number of bees managed by each beekeeper. *Prescribed medicines must be registered with the Veterinary Medicines Council.	Registered beekeepers with Vet. Services Beekeeping booklet and prescription	80% €9/beehive/year	€113.000
Action B2: Adjusting bases with sieve or pipes to combat varroa			

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<p>The aim is to encourage the use of alternative methods in order to limit the damage caused by the varroa mite. Part of the cost of purchasing the special sieve or tube bases will be covered. Beekeepers who have installed bases with sieves or tubes during the previous three-year Beekeeping Program 2017-2019 are not eligible.</p>	Registered beekeepers with at least 10 colonies	50% Max. €25/sieve	€39.306
Measure C: Streamlining Seasonal Movement			
Action C: Replacement of old or damaged beehives			
<p>The replacement of old or damaged hives with new ones aims to create better living conditions for the bees, improve the production conditions of beekeeping products and facilitate the movements of the bees to the various blooming sites. Subsidised costs - up to 50% of the costs for replacing the old and damaged cells with new ones and up to 10% of the registered hives declared in the Beekeeping Registry.</p>	Registered beekeepers with at least 10 European-style hives and presence in the official registry for five consecutive years	50% of cost Max. €120/hive	€110.000
Measure D: Support Activities for Beekeeping Product Analysis Laboratories in Order to Facilitate Beekeepers in Marketing and Upgrading the Value of their Products			
Action D1: Analyses of Honey and Candle Samples			
<p>Laboratory analyses of honey samples for the quality criteria of HMF (hydroxy-methyl-furfural) and enzymes as well as wax analyses regarding the residues of registered Veterinary Pharmaceutical products used to treat varroa. * In case of high demand, priority will be given based on criteria: (i) the number of cells of each applicant and (ii) any previous subsidy for the same Action *Shipping cost is not subsidised</p>	Registered beekeepers with at least 25 colonies	50% Max. €50/sample Max. 2 honey samples /beekeeper 50% Max. €120 Max. 1 wax sample /beekeeper	€6.000/year
Action D2: Analyses of Beekeeping Products			
Laboratory analyses of beekeeping products, to determine the organoleptic, physicochemical and microscopic characteristics and/or quality criteria.	Department of Agriculture,	100%	€2.000/year

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	Veterinary Services, State General Laboratory		
Measure E: Cooperation with Specialized Bodies and Experts for Implementation of Applied Research Programs in the Beekeeping Sector and Beekeeping Products			
Action E: Cooperation with experts for the implementation applied research programs			
Implementation of applied research programs to identify and solve problems that occasionally concern the beekeeping sector. This measure also includes the dissemination of information and developments concerning the beekeeping sector and beekeeping products. The total cost of research studies, purchase of equipment, publication, secondment of experts and trainings / enlightening lectures is covered.	Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Institute, Veterinary Services, State General Laboratory	100%	€10.000
Measure F: Improving the Quality and Promotion of Product in the Market			
Action F: Improving the Quality of Beehive Products			
Maintaining and/or improving the quality of local honey to make it more competitive to the rest. Quality improvement could be achieved by securing a quality system (e.g. Protected geographical indication products (PGI) or Protected designation of origin products (PDO)). For this purpose, the process of securing the designation of Cypriot honey as PGI/PDO is subsidized. Specifically, the cost of the data collection study concerning the specific product as well as the costs of submitting the application to the Competent Authority (Quality Products Branch of the Department of Agriculture) are subsidized.	Beekeepers' Associations	100%	€13.000

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